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Entitled: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DELIVERING A STENT INTO A BODY LUMEN**

Linvatec Biomaterials, Inc., a corporation

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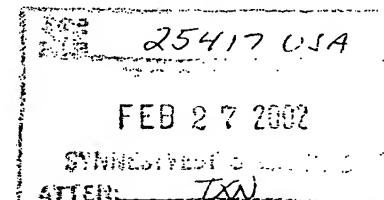
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We authorize **Bionx Implants, Inc.** to make application for such protection in its own name and maintain such protection in any and all countries foreign to the United States, and to invoke and claim for any application for patent or other form of protection for said inventions, without further authorization from us, any and all benefits, including the right of priority provided by any and all treaties, conventions, or agreements.

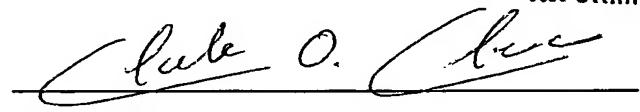
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We request that any and all patents for said inventions be issued to **Bionx Implants, Inc.** in the United States and in all countries foreign to the United States, or to such nominees as **Bionx Implants, Inc.** may designate.

We agree that, when requested, we shall, without charge to Bionx Implants, Inc. but at its expense, sign all papers, and do all acts which may be necessary, desirable or convenient in connection with said applications, patents, or other forms of protection.

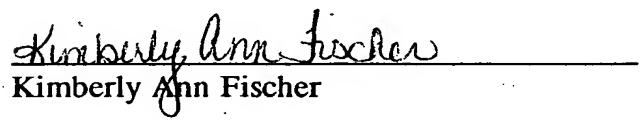
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